

AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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WILLIAM T. WALSH  
CLERKJAMES BORTOLOTTIPetitionerSTEVIE M. KNIGHT, WARDEN  
FCI FORT DIXRespondent(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)Case No.                     (Supplied by Clerk of Court)

## PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

### Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: JAMES BORTOLOTTI  
(b) Other names you have used: N/A
2. Place of confinement:  
(a) Name of institution: FORT DIX MINIMUM SECURITY CAMP  
(b) Address: HARTFORD & POINTSVILLE ROAD  
JOINT BASE MDL, NJ 08640  
(c) Your identification number: 73257-050
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:  
☒ Federal authorities      ☐ State authorities      ☐ Other - explain:
4. Are you currently:  
☐ A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)  
☒ Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime  
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:  
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced you: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
OF NEW JERSEY  
(b) Docket number of criminal case: 3:20-CR-00031-MAS-1  
(c) Date of sentencing: 12/1/21  
☐ Being held on an immigration charge  
☐ Other (explain):

### Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:  
☒ How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

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- ☐ Pretrial detention  
☐ Immigration detention  
☐ Detainer  
☐ The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)  
☐ Disciplinary proceedings  
☐ Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: BUREAU OF PRISONS, FCI FORT DIX CAMPHARTFORD'S POINTVILLE ROAD, JOINT BASE MDL, NJ 08640(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: N/A

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):

DISALLOWANCE OF EARNED "TIME CREDITS" THAT I HAVE EARNED BASED ON MY PROGRAMMING / PRISON EMPLOYMENT / PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THE FIRST STEP ACT.(d) Date of the decision or action: 10/10/22**Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action**7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

# 11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

☐ Yes☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes☐ No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition**

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

**GROUND ONE:** THE BUREAU OF PRISONS, BY POLICY, IS REFUSING TO GRANT ME  
EARNED "TIME CREDITS" AS REQUIRED BY THE FIRST STEP ACT OF 2018.  
ALLOCATION OF MY CREDITS WOULD EFFECT MY IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

THE FIRST STEP ACT OF 2018 AS CODIFIED IN 18 USC 3632 ALLOWS FOR INMATES WHO  
COMPLETE EVIDENCE BASED RECIDIVISM REDUCTION PROGRAMMING AS ASSIGNED BY THEIR CASE  
MANAGER CAN EARN AS MUCH AS 15 DAYS OF TIME CREDITS FOR EVERY 30 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL  
PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROGRAMMING. MY PARTICIPATION SINCE THE START OF MY  
INCARCERATION HAS EARNED MY 135 DAYS OF TIME CREDITS WHICH WOULD MANDATE MY IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**GROUND TWO:**

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**GROUND THREE:**

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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**GROUND FOUR:**

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

**Request for Relief**

15. State exactly what you want the court to do:

I ASK THE COURT TO GRANT MY HABEAS CORPUS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN MY APPLICATION AND THROUGH MY SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT, AND, AS RELIEF, APPLY TIME CREDITS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT EARNED THROUGH MY PROGRAMMING AND WORK PURSUANT TO THE FIRST STEP ACT AND ORDER MY IMMEDIATE TRANSFER



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**Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury**

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

10/15/22

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date:

10/14/22

James Bartolotta

*Signature of Petitioner*

*Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any*